United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

7. Description

The Josiah Funck Mansion is a well preserved example of a Second Empire Style residence. The structure is a three story brick building. The second floor is topped by a heavy brocheted cornice and a mansard roof containing the third floor. The mansard has a coping cornice and continuous iron cresting. Enhanced by its corner location, it is bounded on the north and west by a 16 inch high limestone wall and a decorative iron fence.

The main wing, measuring 65' by 40', contained the formal living areas. The minor wing to the rear contained the dining room, kitchen, and necessary. Two additions, one on the eastern and one on the southern side, were made sometime after 1932, but both are barely distinguishable from the original house fabric. One addition provides a small stage for the meeting room of the club, the second a side entrance.

The main section of the house, oriented northward, is 5 bays wide. A porch runs the entire length of the 1st story. Segmental arches supported by square columns with chamferred corners are crowned by a bracketed cornice. A classical pediment is found over the 3rd bay. The windows are floor to ceiling and flank the double wood entrance doors, which are topped by a segmented arched transom.

The 2nd story has 5 double hung windows with segmented arched lintels and projecting sills supported by brackets. The mansard is punctuated by 3 dormers, the 1st and last being coupled windows, the 2nd a single window. both are topped by semi-elliptical arched lintels.

Eastern and western elevations are similiar in appearance. Both have twin chimneys in the mansard, anking a dormer with coupled windows. The western elevation of the main wing features a 3-sided bay window capped by a bracketed cornice. The 3 windows on the 2nd floor have semi-circular arched lintels.

First and second story porches are found on both the eastern and western sides of the rear wing. These proches have ornate wood columns, brackets, and sun screens.

The door of the main section opens into what was once the central hall. However, the center walls which separated the two parlors from the hall have been removed, creating a large meeting room. The outer walls, large wood base, and original heavy plaster crown molding are in excellent condition. The original naturally finished wood window trim and shutters are still intact. Twin gas fireplaces with richly varigated marble fronts can be found; gas fireplaces are also located in some of the upstairs bedrooms. The ceilings display detailed plaster medallions from which hang the original gas chandeliers.

Entrance is made to the rear wing through a handsome pair of wooden doors with side and transom lights of etched glass.

The dining room also has original plaster walls, crown molding, ornate plaster medallion, gas chandelier, and marble fireplace. French doors lead to the porches on either side.

The kitchen and pantry areas display original cabinets and wainscoting of Philadelphia fencing.

Leading glass transom windows are found over the upstairs doors.

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Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Specific dates

Significance

The Josiah Funck Mansion is significant in terms of architecture as it is one of the best preserved buildings of its period and style in Lebanon. It is a fine example and the Second Empire Style, built by one of the wealthier and more important residents of the city during the 19th century.

Josiah Funck, a native of Lebanon County, was one of the top lawyers in eastern Pennsylvania during the latter half of the 19th century. After tracking school for a year, he decided to become a lawyer and was admitted to the Bar in 1851. He held various public offices, such as District Attorney of Lebanon County in 1854, after which he retired to a profitable private practice. Becoming a prominent lawyer, he was selected to represent Lebanon County for the 1873 Constitutional Convention of Pennsylvania. At the time of his death, he was Dean of the Lebanon County Bar and quite a distinguished citizen.

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9. Major Biblio paphical Reference

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